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Form 13F-HR

February 14, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 13F

Form 13F COVER PAGE

Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 2004

Check here if Amendment ☐; Amendment Number: _____
This Amendment (Check only one.): ☐ is a restatement.
☐ adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Address: 1440 Kiewit Plaza

Omaha, NE 68131

Form 13F File Number: 28- 4545

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Marc D. Hamburg

Title: Vice President

Phone: 402-346-1400

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

(s) Marc D. Hamburg	Omaha, NE	February 14, 2005
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[Signature]	[City, State]	[Date]

Report Type (Check only one.):

☐ 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)

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[] 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

[X] 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

Form 13F File Number	Name
28- 5194	General Re - New England Asset Management, Inc.
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Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers:	20

Form 13F Information Table Entry Total:	66

Form 13F Information Table Value Total:	\$ 35,759,366

	(thousands)

Confidential Information has been omitted from the public Form 13F and filed with the Commission. Included in this information is information regarding Berkshire's position in Sun Trust Banks Inc. included in its June 30, 2004 public Form 13F.

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

[If there are no entries in this list, state "NONE" and omit the column headings and list entries.]

NO.	FORM 13F FILE NUMBER	NAME
1.	28-5678	Berkshire Hathaway Life Insurance Co. of Nebraska
2.	28-	BH Columbia Inc.
3.	28-5676	BHG Life Insurance Co.
4.	28-719	Blue Chip Stamps

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5.	28-554	Buffett, Warren E.
6.	28-1517	Columbia Insurance Co.
7.	28-2226	Cornhusker Casualty Co.
8.	28-	Cypress Insurance Company
9.	28-	Fechheimer Brothers Company
10.	28-852	GEICO Corp.
11.	28-101	Government Employees Ins. Corp.
12.	28-1066	National Fire & Marine
13.	28-718	National Indemnity Co.
14.	28-5006	National Liability & Fire Ins. Co.
15.	28-	Nebraska Furniture Mart
16.	28-717	OBH Inc.
17.	28-2740	Plaza Investment Managers
18.	28-1357	Wesco Financial Corp.
19.	28-3091	Wesco Financial Ins. Co.
20.	28-3105	Wesco Holdings Midwest, Inc.

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Form 13F Information Table
December 31, 2004

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7
Name of	Title of	CUSIP	Market	Shares or	Investment Discretion	Other
Issuer	Class	Number	Value	Principal	(a) Shared-	(c) Shared-
-----	-----	-----	(In	Amount \$	Sole Defined	Other
			Thousands)			
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						Managers

American						
Express Co.	Com	025816 10 9	970,996	17,225,400	X	5, 2, 6, 16
			450,658	7,994,634	X	5, 12, 16
			6,778,824	120,255,879	X	5, 13, 16
			109,533	1,943,100	X	5, 4, 16, 18, 1
			78,902	1,399,713	X	5, 15, 16
			47,341	839,832	X	5, 9, 16
			110,042	1,952,142	X	5, 16
American						
Standard						
Companies	Com	029712 10 6	433,773	10,497,900	X	5, 10, 11, 13,
Block H & R	Com	093671 10 5	703,179	14,350,600	X	5, 13, 16
Coca Cola	Com	191216 10 0	16,656	400,000	X	5, 16
			73,953	1,776,000	X	5, 14, 16
			300,041	7,205,600	X	5, 4, 16, 18, 1
			1,671,496	40,141,600	X	5, 2, 6, 16
			5,827,335	139,945,600	X	5, 13, 16
			380,556	9,139,200	X	5, 12, 16
			19,987	480,000	X	5, 15, 16
			37,976	912,000	X	5, 8, 16
Comcast						
Corp	CLA SPL	20030N 20 0	328,400	10,000,000	X	5, 10, 11, 13,
Comdisco						
Holding Co.	Com	200334 10 0	26,667	1,195,274	X	5, 13, 16
			6,632	297,268	X	5, 2, 6, 16
			377	16,891	X	5, 12, 16
Costco						
Wholesale						
Corp.	Com	22160K 10 5	254,346	5,254,000	X	5, 13, 16
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Foods Co. First Data Corporation	Com	242370 10 4	12,373	375,500	X	5, 10, 11, 13,
Gannett Inc.	Com	319963 10 4	340,320	8,000,000	X	5, 10, 11, 13,
Gap Inc.	Com	364730 10 1	281,668	3,447,600	X	5, 13, 16
The Gillette Co.	Com	364760 10 8	325,971	15,434,243	X	5, 10, 11, 13,
			2,686,800	60,000,000	X	5, 13, 16
			931,424	20,800,000	X	5, 2, 6, 16
			286,592	6,400,000	X	5, 12, 16
			286,592	6,400,000	X	5, 4, 16, 18, 1
			35,824	800,000	X	5, 14, 16
			71,648	1,600,000	X	5, 8, 16

			23,886,882			

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Column 1 Name of Issuer -----	Column 2 Title of Class -----	Column 3 CUSIP Number -----	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6			Column 7 Other Managers -----
			Market	Shares or	Investment Discretion			
			Value (In Thousands)	Principal Amount \$ -----	(a) Sole	(b) Shared- Defined	(c) Shared- Other -----	
Iron Mountain Inc.	Com	462846 10 6	152,450	5,000,000		X		5, 8, 11, 13, 16
M & T Bank Corporation	Com	55261F 10 4	646,723	5,997,060		X		5, 13, 16
			58,881	546,000		X		5, 10, 11, 13, 16
			17,869	165,700		X		5, 12, 16
Moody's	Com	615369 10 5	1,401,785	16,140,300		X		5, 13, 16
			682,615	7,859,700		X		5, 10, 11, 13, 16
Mueller Industries	Com	624756 10 2	43,853	1,361,900		X		5, 13, 16
Nike Inc.	Com	654106 10 3	226,725	2,500,000		X		5, 10, 11, 13, 16
Outback Steakhouse Inc.	Com	689899 10 2	83,265	1,818,800		X		5, 10, 11, 13, 16
Petrochina Co LTD	ADR	71646E 10 0	3,914	72,900		X		5, 13, 16
			31,468	586,100		X		5, 10, 11, 13, 16
Pier 1 Imports Inc.	Com	720279 10 8	157,600	8,000,000		X		5, 10, 11, 13, 16
Sealed Air Corporation	Com	81211K 10 0	59,305	1,113,300		X		5, 13, 16
Servicemaster Company	Com	81760N 10 9	77,384	5,611,600		X		5, 10, 11, 13, 16
Shaw Communications Inc.	Cl B	82028K 20 0	402,380	22,000,000		X		5, 10, 11, 13, 16
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027 10 4	4,431	77,551		X		5, 1, 13, 16
			25,697	449,728		X		5, 2, 6, 16
			49,826	872,000		X		5, 13, 16
			36,552	639,700		X		5, 12, 16
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Corporation Washington Post Co.	Com	903293 40 5	261,755	6,500,000	X	5, 13, 16
	Cl B	939640 10 8	879,119	894,304	X	5, 13, 16
			145,793	148,311	X	5, 1, 3, 7, 13,
			637,159	648,165	X	5, 12, 16
			36,357	36,985	X	5, 14, 16
Wells Fargo & Co. Del	Com	949746 10 1	801,896	12,902,590	X	5, 2, 6, 16
			63,492	1,021,600	X	5, 4, 16, 18, 1
			7,518	120,970	X	5, 12, 16
			86,637	1,394,000	X	5, 14, 16
			62,150	1,000,000	X	5, 16
			2,386,831	38,404,360	X	5, 13, 16
			37,592	604,860	X	5, 15, 16
			52,827	850,000	X	5, 9, 16
			9,322	150,000	X	5, 8, 16
Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817 10 6	2,241,313	5,703,087	X	5, 4, 16

			11,872,484			

GRAND TOTAL			\$35,759,366			
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